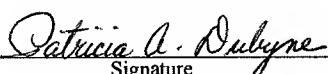


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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 18, 2008, having a three month statutory period of response set to expire on December 18, 2008, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 11 of this paper.